



Lenita Jacobs-Simmons has over 20 years of experience working at the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) serving in numerous executive positions. Currently, Ms. Jacobs-Simmons is ETA's Deputy Assistant Secretary responsible for the offices of Unemployment Insurance, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Policy, Development and Research, as well as oversight of regional operations.

In 2014, Ms. Jacobs-Simmons was appointed as the National Director of Job Corps, responsible for leading and managing the program's 125 Job Corps centers throughout the country. During this period, she provided leadership for the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and system-wide improvements related to safety and security, student career pathways, academic standards, strengthening enrollment services, and providing engagement in support of a national, Job Corps student-led anti-violence initiative.

Additionally, Ms. Jacobs-Simmons served in Regional Administrator positions for ETA's Region 2 (Philadelphia) and Region 3 (Atlanta). As Regional Administrator, she was responsible for oversight of ETA unemployment and reemployment programs administered in these regions and its state and grantee partners in accordance with Workforce Investment Act, Unemployment Insurance, and the Wagner Peyser Act.

Prior to joining ETA, Ms. Jacobs-Simmons had a distinguished history of public service in the State of South Carolina where she served as the Grants Administrator for the Charleston County government and Executive Director of the Trident Workforce Investment Board for more than 10 years. In these capacities, she was responsible for unifying a tri-county area and implementing the first One-Stop Delivery System in the State.